

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN OF)
BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION) CASE NO. 99-429

O R D E R

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Division of Energy (“KDOE”) filed a motion requesting authority to file additional comments addressing the reply comments filed by Big Rivers Electric Corporation (“Big Rivers”). KDOE has included its additional comments in this pending motion. Big Rivers filed a memorandum in opposition to the motion, claiming that KDOE has had more than an adequate opportunity to address all relevant issues. KDOE has in fact already addressed all relevant issues, and there is no need to further delay this proceeding. In the alternative, Big Rivers requests that it be granted 30 days to file additional reply comments in the event that the KDOE motion is granted.

Based on the motion and the response, and being sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the importance of the issues being investigated in this integrated resource plan filing justifies revising the existing procedural schedule to accept the additional comments tendered by KDOE with its motion and to allow Big Rivers 30 days to file additional reply comments.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

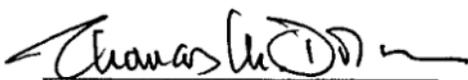
1. The motion of KDOE to file additional comments is granted and the comments included in that motion are accepted for filing.

2. Big Rivers shall have 30 days from the date of this Order to file any additional reply comments addressing KDOE's additional comments.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of November, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director